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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT

Application No.: 10/084,843

Filed: February 25, 2002

For: COMPOUNDS AND METHODS
FOR IMMUNOTHERAPY AND
☐ DIAGNOSIS OF TUBERCULOSIS
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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated February 13, 2003,
Applicants elect to prosecute Group I (claims 38-42), drawn to DNA, vector, and host.

In conjunction with the election of the claims of Group I, Applicants
hereby select SEQ ID NO:46 as the invention.

The foregoing election is made with traverse, as the four groups set forth
by the Examiner all stem from a common concept and theory, and are thus related. As

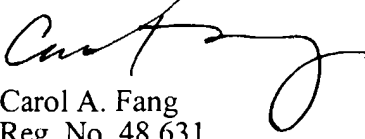
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such, prosecution of the claims of Groups I-IV would not place a substantially greater burden on the Examiner. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the Restriction Requirement and consider all the claims together.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

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